

I had some amusing experiences in the course of the negotiations.

With great regard  
Very faithfully yours,  
THEODORE

ROOSEVELT.

To

His Majesty  
King Edward VII, E. & I.

The final letters in this series, so far as the letters have been preserved, were exchanged in 1908. Early in that year the King had presented Roosevelt with a book containing illustrations of the Sevres Porcelain Collection in Windsor Castle. In acknowledging the gift, Roosevelt made an allusion to the voyage of the American naval fleet around the world which was then in progress, and also to the question of Mongolian immigration:

*(Original sent in the President's handwriting)*

February 12,

1908.

*My dear King Edward,*

The beautiful Sevres porcelain book has come, and I send this note of thanks by the Ambassador. The book is a delight to the eye—it is almost like seeing the porcelain.

I am much interested in the trip of our fleet to the Pacific; the ships have just come out of the Straits. I feel very strongly that the real interests of the English-speaking peoples are one, alike in the Atlantic and the Pacific; and that, while scrupulously careful neither to insult nor to injure others, we should yet make it evident that we are ready and able to hold our own. In no country where the popula-

tion is of our stock, and where the  
wageworkers, the labor-  
ers, are of the same blood as the employing  
classes, will it be  
possible to introduce a large number of  
workmen of an  
utterly alien race without the certainty of  
dangerous fric-  
tion. The only sure way to avoid such friction,  
with its  
possible consequences of incalculable disaster,  
is by friendly  
agreement in advance to prevent the coming  
together in